**Reservoir Music Booster Meeting Minutes**

**March 4, 2014**

**1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chris Armstrong at 7:07pm.

**2. Prior Minutes.** The February 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**3. Introductions.** No new members to introduce.

**4. President’s Report.**

a. Scholarships. Need to get Scholarship Committee together. **No Senior parent should serve on the committee.** **Edit: A senior parent may serve as long as their student is not applying for a scholarship.**  Mr. O’Brien recommended that we add scholarship opportunities for some of the summer music programs in future years. Many summer camps are expensive and this would be of benefit for many students. In the past, scholarships were distributed depending on the number of student applicants. Needs should be supported by merit.

b. Nominating Committee. Chris asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating Committee for officers for next year. There were no volunteers. Chris requested those present to assist in helping to find Booster members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

c. County Middle School Orchestra Adjudication. Event to be held at Reservoir on March 17-18. We will need help from the Music Boosters to staff the event. Hours are approximately 2:30 - 8:45 pm each day. Discussed concessions for the event. Last years sales were $2,160. We can take pre-orders for restaurants including Dominoes, Chick Fil-A. Concessions to include water, soda, chips, and candy. Need dinner and light snacks for judges (6 people) to be ready by 5:30pm. The budget is $100 per night for the judges dinner. Mary Jo Fisher agreed to pick up the food for the judges and have it to the school by 5:30pm. We would like to have the walkie talkies available for the adjudication. Chris asked Brian Donnelly to bring them over to the school for our use. Payment for the walkie talkies still needs to be coordinated and finalized between Brian and Chris.

d. Awards Banquet. Lisa Regner is the chair of the Awards Banquet. Mr. O’Brien informed the Boosters that the Directors have decided to rename the Department Award in honor of Jason Mastriani, an alumni who recently passed away.

**5. Treasurer’s Report.**

Matthew McGhie reported that a couple of student scholarships were recently paid. In addition, the 2nd payment on the Spring Trip was paid. The Dinner Raffle made $2,200, which was well above the budgeted amount of $1,800. Matt and Mary Jo are trying to get students to pay their remaining balance on the Spring Trip fees.

**6. Volunteer Coordinator’s Report.**

**7. Committee Reports.**

a. Spring Trip. Student Payments. Mary Jo Fisher is following up with all of the Spring Trip student payments. All money is due on Monday March 10, 2014. The current roster includes 108 students. The total amount of payments for Spring Trip to date is $47,183. The total amount due is $22,476.

b. Grocery Gift Cards. Tina Sauer reported that the February total sales for Grocery Cards was $4,300.

c. Dinner Raffle. Cheryl Depinto reported that she is still trying to contact all the restaurant owners to sponsor the dinner raffle. Chris will email Cheryl a list from prior years.

d. Restaurant Night. Mary Jo Fisher reported that Squisitos in Burtonsville is sponsoring our next restaurant night for the RHS Music Boosters on March 19. Denise Wilson is making the poster for this event.

e. Musical Madness 5K. Liz reported that she is searching for new patrons for the Musical Madness 5K. The event will be held on May 17th @ 8:00am in Maple Lawn. Two people have registered so far using the registration link. There is a $25 registration fee. They are seeking more sponsors, participants, volunteer students, and parents to participate in the 5K event.

**8. Director’s Comments.**

a. Dr. Knauf. Needs 1 more parent to help with the choral assessments plus one parent for the symphonic band. Please remind all parents and students when Spring Trip permission slips are due. Valerie Anlage will be the Spring Trip nurse for the trip. Sandra Pearson designed the Spring Trip T-shirt. DK inquired as to who is the banquet coordinator for the end of the year music banquet.

b. Mr. O’Brien. He expressed his current concern for getting enough time with the orchestra to prepare for the county adjudications.

c. David Bacon. Dr. Bolstad is coming into the school next Wednesday, from 2:30pm to 7:30 pm, to work with the students. The Symphonic Band adjudication is scheduled for Friday after school. The Concert Band adjudication is scheduled for Saturday morning. There is no news to report on the flood reimbursement from earlier in the year. The date for the RHS hosted Music in Motion Marching Band Competition has been set for October 11, 2014. Nearby Paint Branch High School is also hosting a marching band competition on the same day. Mr. Bacon is trying to schedule a date to meet with a uniform vendor about new uniforms for the marching band.

**9. New Business.**

Chris invited all RHS Music Booster members who were interested in supporting music education and programs in our public schools to go on-line and visit Howard County Parents For School Music.

**10. Motion to Adjourn.**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.